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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 02-065

Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 1998.]

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. The fiscal estimate prepared by the agency contains the following statement: “These rules incorporate into state administrative code existing provisions and interpretation of federal law regarding wetland permitting exemptions and provisions regarding the identification and delineation of isolated wetlands.” However, in the Report to the Legislative Clearinghouse, under “Federal Authority” the agency responded “N/A.” It appears that this is the accurate response and that the fiscal estimate should be changed to refer to “nonfederal” law. The agency should review both responses and revise them as necessary for clarity purposes.

b. The rule making order should include an analysis describing the agency’s proposed action; the description could be the same as that included in the cover letter to the Clearinghouse.

c. The agency should coordinate the implementation and promulgation of this rule with Clearinghouse Rule 02-015.